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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. Canceled.
2. (Currently Amended) A cable, comprising a plurality of color-coded buffer tubes, wherein each buffer tube of said plurality contains a colored filling material that is color-coded; non-colored-coded filling material; and transparent or translucent buffer tubes wherein said non-color-coded filling material is disposed within said color-coded buffer tubes, and said color-coded filling material is disposed within said transparent or translucent buffer tubes.
3. Canceled.
4. Canceled.
5. (Currently Amended) The cable of claim 2[5], further comprising color-coded fibers.
6. Canceled.
7. Canceled.
8. (Currently Amended) The cable of claim 2[7], wherein said cable complies with EIA/TIA-598.
9. (Original) The cable of claim 8, further comprising up to 288 optical fibers, wherein each optical fiber is individually identifiable.
10. (Original) A cable, comprising:  
a plurality of transparent or translucent buffer tubes;  
a plurality of color-coded optical fibers within each buffer tube of said plurality; and

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color-coded filling material disposed within each buffer tube of said plurality; wherein each buffer tube contains a different color of filling material.

11. (Currently Amended) A system for identifying buffer tubes, comprising:  
a plurality of transparent or translucent buffer tubes;  
at least one ring, band marking, stripe or identification thread/tape for at least one transparent or translucent buffer tube of said plurality;  
a plurality of color-coded buffer tubes;  
non-color-coded filling material; and  
color-coded filling material;  
wherein said color-coded filling material is disposed within said transparent or translucent buffer tubes, and said non-color-coded filling material is disposed within said color-coded buffer tubes  
~~wherein said color-coded filling material is disposed within each buffer tube of said plurality.~~

12. Canceled.

13. Canceled.

14. Canceled.

15. Canceled.

16. Canceled.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for identifying optical fibers, comprising:  
a plurality of transparent or translucent buffer tubes;  
color-coded optical fibers; and  
color-coded filling material disposed within at least one of said buffer tubes wherein each buffer tube contains a different color of filling material.

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18. (Original) The system of claim 17, further comprising a plurality of color-coded buffer tubes; and non-color-coded filling material disposed within said color-coded buffer tubes.
19. Canceled.
20. Canceled.
21. (Currently Amended) A method for identifying or managing optical fibers in a cable, comprising:  
color-coding optical fibers;  
color-coding filling material;  
including non-color-coded filling material in color-coded buffer tubes; and  
including said filling material in at least one transparent or translucent buffer tubes.
22. - 30. Canceled.

